



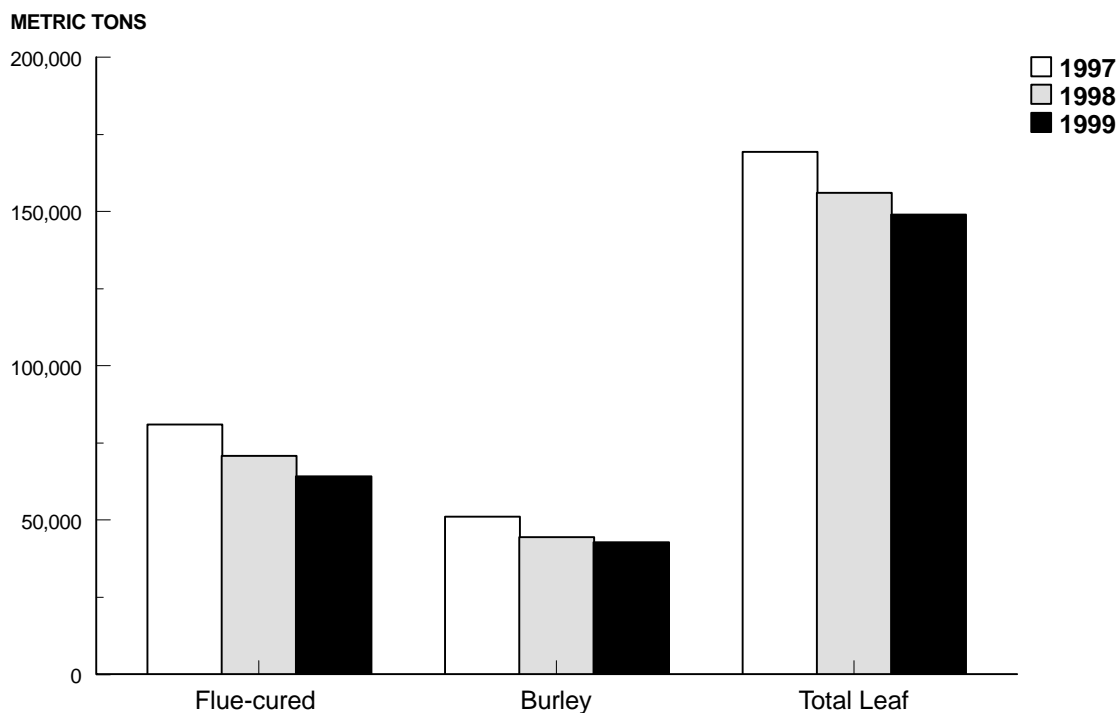
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## U.S. Unmanufactured Tobacco Exports January Through September



*U.S. leaf exports so far in 1999 (Jan-Sep) total 148,947 metric tons, down 4.6 percent from the same period last year. Much of this decline can be attributed to high world stock levels and increased competition for export markets. Flue-cured exports so far this year total 64,128 tons as compared to 70,812 tons last year, while burley exports are down by 3.5 percent to 42,927 tons. U.S. leaf exports for 1999 are forecast to end the year at 205,000 tons, down from 211,000 tons in CY 1998.*